

HOUSE No. 905

By Mr. Kujawski of Webster, petition of Paul Kujawski relative to the implementation of force reductions in the Trial Court. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF FORCE REDUCTIONS IN THE TRIAL COURT.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the
2 contrary, any projected deficit in any item of appropriation for the
3 maintenance and operation of the several divisions within the
4 housing court, juvenile court, district court and Boston municipal
5 court departments shall be addressed by a schedule of savings and
6 reductions in expenditures agreed to set forth in a joint deficit
7 reduction plan to be submitted to the chief justice for administra-
8 tion and management by the first justice, the clerk-magistrate, the
9 chief probation officer, and the chief housing specialist of each
10 such division no later than a date to be set by said chief justice for
11 administration and management; provided, however, that in the
12 event said first justice, clerk-magistrate, chief housing specialist,
13 and chief probation officer cannot agree by such date to a single
14 deficit reduction plan, a plan subscribed by a majority of said first
15 justice, clerk-magistrate, chief probation officer and chief housing
16 specialist shall be so submitted; provided further, that any deficit
17 reduction measures allocable to the offices of the clerk-magistrate,
18 including the determination of personnel to be laid off, shall be
19 the responsibility of said clerk-magistrates.

1 SECTION 2. Section 9 of chapter 211B, as appearing in the
2 2000 Official Edition (2001 Supp.), is hereby amended by
3 inserting after clause (xxxix) the following words:—

4 (xxxx) the chief justice for administration and management
5 shall establish uniform and equitable guidelines and policies to
6 govern force reductions in the event if insufficient appropriations
7 to support existing personnel levels; provided, however, that the
8 implementation of force reductions allocable to the offices of the
9 clerks, registers and reorders shall be the responsibility of said
10 clerks, registers and recorders.